

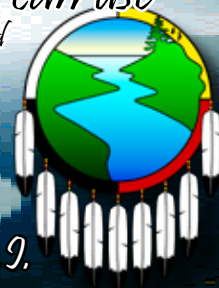
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Rapid River News!

March 23, 2009

From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Fish (sucker) available for Tribal membership.** In late April-early May there will be fish available for membership. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be removing sucker from a lake in the northern, lower peninsula of Michigan. A portion of the harvested sucker will be available for Tribal members. If you are interested, please contact the LRBOI Natural Resources Department for more details.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Tribal Court Docket.** The Tribal Court Docket is shown at the bottom of the *Rapid River News*. If you have specific questions regarding court issues, please contact the court directly.

(Cultural related items)

- **Pow Wow List!** A new listing of 2009 Pow Wows for the Great Lakes region is now available on the tribal website? (Located in the lower left column on the main page.). Go to www.lrboi.com for the list. An abbreviated list will also appear regularly through the season in the *Currents*.
- **Talking Circle Meeting:** The Peacemaking/Probation Department is having a Talking Circle meeting on March 30, 2009, at 5:30pm, the meeting will be held at the Justice Center. For more information Phone: (231) 398-2240 or Email: pwilson@lrboi.com
- **Spring Ceremony planned!** April 11th and 12th Spring Ceremonies are planned in Manistee. See the flyer below for details.

(General area items)

- **April Currents:** The April edition of the tribal paper is out! It was posted on the website last week and is being mailed early this week. This issue contains the final articles from candidates in our General Election.
- **Education MSU:** The College of Agriculture & Natural Resources is sponsoring a Pre-College Leadership Program Summer Retreat for Native American Youth, grades 8-12 on July 19-24 at no cost. Participants must arrange for their own travel to and from East Lansing. Applications are available--contact Stephanie Chau at (517) 353-1822 or email chaus@msu.edu. Interested youth should apply as soon as possible, as there are only 30 spaces available.
- **Election Forums.**
 - There will be a Candidate Forum at the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday March 28th beginning at 2 p.m. The Election Board will be there from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. to answer questions on the election. At this forum, each candidate will be given 5 minutes to address the audience and then some time to answer questions. The questions have been gathered by input to the Election Board.
 - ATTENTION; Muskegon County Tribal Residents. Muskegon Tribal member group is hosting a Candidate Forum. Egelston Township Hall, 5400 block of Apple Avenue, Muskegon. Saturday, April 4, 2009 between 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The day will begin with our usual potluck, followed by candidate presentations, concluding with questions. Please contact Jean Waite at (231) 773-0653 or Bernadene Crampton at (231) 773-2787 or bernadene0903@verizon.net for questions or comments.
- **LRCR.** THE OPEN SESSION BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27 AND APRIL 17 AT 4PM IN THE GRAND RIVER ROOM OF THE CASINO.
- **Kick Butts Day!** The Be Da Bin anti-smoking program is set for the 25th. Check with them if you wish to participate.

Spring Ceremonies



TWO DAYS - APRIL 11 and 12.
LOCATION: LRBOI COMMUNITY CENTER



Sponsored by the Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Group:

A multi-denominational traditional group representing various factions of our traditional Native American belief systems from within our diverse tribal community.

WITH WISDOM AND RESPECT

These ceremonies are intended to bring our community together for one weekend under the umbrella of common spirituality, not to replace anyone's existing ceremonies that are specific to one's own family, clan or group, but to add to our community by bringing people into one circle for a time of sharing.

WITH HUMILITY AND HONESTY

These ceremonies are not meant to exclude people, to judge anyone or to blame people for doing things wrong. We come together and work for healing and to share our different gifts. This is an opportunity to learn and teach so that we can all grow in our spirituality while working together. Join the healing.

WITH BRAVERY, TRUTH AND LOVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: PEACEMAKING DEPT.(398-2240 or 398-2239)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPT.(398-6891) OR THE PLANNING DEPT.(398-6810)

All people are welcome to participate in these ceremonies. No one will be turned away based on race, religion or personal differences. We ask that people be sober and respectful if they choose to attend. No alcohol, weapons or disruptive behavior will be allowed. A moon lodge will be set up for women to be able to attend during their moon-time. Children should have an overview of what is happening and have parents or responsible guardians to help watch them. Volunteers will be needed for many different responsibilities to keep the ceremonies going, such as fire-keepers, ceremony conductors, pipe carriers, story tellers, drummers etc. Donations will also be needed for food and preparation, work and tools, canvas tarps, tobacco and medicines, time and spiritual commitment. Various ceremonies will occur throughout the weekend starting with the lighting of the sacred fire at sunrise on Saturday morning. Requests for specific ceremonies can be made beforehand as needed. Please do so in advance to give enough time for proper ceremonial preparation. Please talk to someone and find out how to prepare yourself personally and what you may need to bring with you for your physical and spiritual needs.



(Kateri)

"Each of us must know in our minds and believe in our hearts that even though we are different, you are like me and I am like you."

--Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

One of the definitions of humility is having an awareness of one's own character defects. To recognize and acknowledge that one has imperfections is being humble. We should never pray for ourselves unless by doing so it would help another person. To have self-importance puts self first and this is not humble. We each have strengths and we each have weaknesses. Both the strengths and weaknesses are sacred. Life is sacred. We learn sacred things from weaknesses also. Therefore, all lives are developed through trial and error, strength and weakness, ups and downs, gains and losses- all of these are part of life and life is sacred.

Great Mystery, let me see and know about the sacredness of life.

Tribal Court Docket

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 3-11-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation

DM - Divorce with children

EB - Election Board Appeal

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment

GM - Guardianship of Minor

JV - Juvenile

NC - Name Change

TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support

DO - Divorce w/o children

EM - Emancipation of Minor

GA - Gaming Appeal

GR - Employment Matter

LT - Landlord Tenant

PF - Probate

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket

EA - Enrollment Appeal

FJ - Foreign Judgment

GC - General Civil

JC - Judicial Complaint

NA - Neglect Abuse

PPO - Personal Protection Order

WC - Workmen's Compensation

Wednesday, March 18, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 12:45 p.m. 08254CO - LRBOI v. Stone, M. Show Cause
- 1:00 p.m. 09048EB - Deverny v. Election Board Challenge Hearing

Thursday, March 19, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. 08080DO - Trial
- 3:00 p.m. 08132GC - Hearing

Monday, March 23, 2009; Judge Shannon

- 10:00 a.m. 08117GC - Champagne v. Bailey/Romanelli Pretrial

Monday, March 23, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 2:00 p.m. 08273CM - Graves v. Jones Custody Hearing

Thursday, March 26, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 09:00 a.m. 09046GR - Moore v. Tribe Closed Employment Hearing

Monday, March 30, 2009; Judge Pope

- 10:00 a.m. 08195GC - Trial

Monday, March 30, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 1:30 p.m. 09038DM - Witkop v. Witkop Pretrial
- 2:00 p.m. 08168DM - James v. James Pretrial

Tuesday, March 31, 2009; Judge Pope

- 10:00 a.m. 08315GC - Trial

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.